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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY  
TO STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX TO TWELVE IN SELECT SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, more information is needed about youth behavior  
2 and health in order to assess the leading factors of death,  
3 disability, and health complications among youth and to improve  
4 health education programs; and

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6 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human  
7 Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention developed  
8 the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System to collect data  
9 about youth behavior and health; and

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11 WHEREAS, one vital part of the Youth Risk Behavior  
12 Surveillance System is a nationwide school-based surveying  
13 effort using the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to monitor students'  
14 health risks and behaviors; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey monitors students'  
17 health-risk behaviors in the areas of weight and diet, physical  
18 activity, injury and violence, tobacco use, alcohol and other  
19 drug use, and sexual behaviors; and

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21 WHEREAS, in 2011, forty-seven states participated in the  
22 high school Youth Risk Behavior Survey and sixteen states  
23 participated in the middle school Youth Risk Behavior Survey;  
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26 WHEREAS, data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey is  
27 valuable and can be used to:

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29 (1) Measure progress toward achieving state and national  
30 health objectives;  
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32 (2) Assess trends in priority health-risk behaviors among  
33 students;



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2 (3) Evaluate the impact of broad school and community  
3 interventions at the national, state, and local  
4 levels; and  
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6 (4) Set and track progress toward meeting school health  
7 and health promotion program goals; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
12 Education is requested to administer the Youth Risk Behavior  
13 Survey to students in grades six to twelve in select public  
14 schools, including select charter schools; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that private schools are requested  
17 to administer the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to students in  
18 grades six to twelve; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Risk Behavior Survey  
21 be administered only in odd-numbered years; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a student be excused from  
24 participating in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey if the student's  
25 parent or legal guardian submits written notification to the  
26 school stating that the parent or legal guardian does not give  
27 permission for that student to participate in the survey; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
31 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of  
32 the State Public Charter School Commission, Executive Director  
33 of the State Public Charter School Commission, and Director of  
34 the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

